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SRI V. C. PALANISAMI GOUNDER :—" Sir, may I know whether the pesticides purchased hitherto by the Government are from foreign countries or manufactured in India? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, I would like to have notice."

Supply of electricity to Chowghat, Ponnani taluk.

* 573 *Q.*—SRI N. GOPALA MENON : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state whether there is any proposal for the supply of electricity to Chowghat, in Ponnani taluk?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" A proposal for extension of supply of electricity to Chowghat, Guruvayoor and other villages in Ponnani taluk, Malabar district, is under examination in the Electricity department."

SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN :—" Sir, will the Government negotiate with the Travancore-Cochin Government for extending electricity to Chowghat and other neighbouring areas from that State because it will be easier and cheaper to do so than to extend electricity from Tirur? "

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" Sir, the matter is under consideration and when I finally take steps I will consider the question of making a representation to the Travancore-Cochin Government."

Sale of seeds and manure by the Government Seed Depot, Mount Road, Madras.

* 574 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the quantity of seeds and manure purchased by the Department of Agriculture for sale in the City branch at Mount Road in the year 1952;

(*b*) the total amounts of sales in the year 1952 ;

(*c*) the annual establishment charges of the above branch; and

(*d*) why the prices of seeds, seedlings and manure are higher than those of similar articles sold by the private nurseries in Madras?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) The information required by the Member is as follows :—

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(1) Seeds	2,029
(2) Manures	9,992
(3) Insecticides	2,107